Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 20 May 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 21 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 20 May 2023 at 02:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Medium over the weekend – lower regarding cloud detail and any light rain. Then high for dry and sunnier conditions next week.

Headline for Saturday 20 May 2023: A mainly cloudy day, though some brighter spells in morning. Occasional rain developing later afternoon and evening. Freshening breeze on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 20 May 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
10%	20%	10%	20%	40%	60%

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Weather: Patchy light rain soon dying out this morning. Mainly cloudy, though some bright or sunny intervals possible inland for a time this morning. Then cloud thickening to bring patchy rain later in the afternoon this becoming more persistent with a few heavier outbreaks in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70% falling 20% in the evening..

Low Cloud and visibility: Broken to overcast cloud at 750-1000m but lower near west coast, the cloud lowering to 500m-750m later with areas to low levels along the west coast. Away from cloud, visibility mainly good, but with some sea fog affecting exposed western coasts then visibility falling moderate, locally poor in rain later.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	10/12 S	12/16 SW	15/20 SW	16/21 SW	15/20 SW	15/20 S	15/19 SW
900	9/12 S	10/14 SW	12/17 SW	13/18 SW	13/18 SW	12/17 SW	11/15 SW
600	10/12 SW	14/18 SW	16/22 SW	18/23 SW	17/22 SW	15/19 SW	14/17 SW
300	6/10 SW	9/13 SW	10/15 SW	11/16 SW	8/15 SW	7/13 SW	6/9 SW
Glen	7/14 SW	10/17 SW	11/18 SW	11/19 SW	8/16 SW	6/14 SW	6/12 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	6/3	6/2	6/3	6/2	6/2	6/2	6/2
900	7/5	8/6	9/6	10/7	8/6	8/5	8/5
600	10/7	10/7	11/8	11/8	11/8	10/7	10/7
300	11/10	12/10	12/11	13/11	12/11	11/10	11/10
Glen	12/11	14/12	15/13	15/13	14/12	12/12	12/11
Freezing Level*	2500m	2600m	2700m	2800m	2800m	2700m	2600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing extra

Forecast for Sunday 21 May 2023
Weather: Overcast with some light rain and drizzle in the morning and early afternoon, then becoming dry in the afternoon, perhaps becoming sunnier in the west of the area later.

Maximum wind: Variable 5-10mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Less than 20% rising 50% later, and 70% in the west.

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive low cloud at 450-600m and some lower patches, with poor visibility in light rain and drizzle, cloud lifting to 800m later and perhaps dispersing entirely in the west, with visibility becoming mainly good as the afternoon goes on.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 9 rising to Plus 15 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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